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TABLOID TALES

The Spook of Dunoon

On, yes, they had heard from several people that the house was haunted. One of the previous occupants had had to be taken to the lunatic asylum. Goodwin tried hard to hide his agony of mind, but failed lamentably.

GOOD THE CLUELESS CRIME OF YARMOUTH

> EARLY on October 17, 1934, Chief Inspector W. Barker and Detective-Sergeant Clare,

killed in what the Chief Constable of Yarmouth told me was a crime of "diabolical vio-Someone had split his skull open with a 7lb. weight used in the shop.

Now, although robbery is usually the motive in such crimes, there was no indication whatever that anything had been stolen from the shop or from Mr. Butcher's person. Two loose £1 notes and some silver were still in his pockets. Neither the shop nor the living apartments had been ransacked.

The discovery had taken place in the early morning, and the man had died some hours earlier. His body was found on a sofa in his sitting-room, a coat over his knees, and his battered head swethed in a toyel swathed in a towel.

In the passage between the shop and sitting-room his bow-ler hat was lying. There were two dents in it. The 7lb. weight was discovered not far off. On the weight were some nairs adhering to blood. The weight fitted the dents in the hat.

Clueless Crime

From the beginning, the police investigators seemed to be in no doubt that it was murder they were handling; but they were up against an almost clueless crime.

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The inquest was held some time later, and the Deputy Coroner made what I thought at the time was an unusual remark. He told the jury that they could not rule out a suggestion that Butcher had inflicted the wounds on himself. It was possible, he said, that "some kind of brainstorm" came upon Butcher when he returned home that evening, and he "may have waved his arms about his head beating off an unseen enemy."

struck the blows would take the trouble to put a coat over the body."

and Detective-Sergeant Clare, of Scotland Yard, dashed off to Yarmouth. The Yard had received an S.O.S.

Horace Butcher, aged 68, a marine store dealer, who had a shop in Middlegate-street, Yarmouth, had been found dead—

the body."

Well, more extraordinary things than that have been done. The jury soon disposed of the "waving arms" theory and returned a verdict of "Wilful murder by some person or persons unknown." The police had come to the same conclusion some time previously.

The murdered man's relatives offered £50 reward for information that would lead to the conviction of the murderer. Nobody came forward to claim the £50,

At the request of the Chief Constable of Yarmouth, Scot-land Yard issued the following apeal to the public:—

"The officers who are investigating this crime are of the opinion that the perpetrator is known to some person or persons, and that it is most probable that the murderer left the premises with bloodstains on his hands and clothes. Any person able to give information, either directly or indirectly, is earnestly requested to do so without delay. Such information . . . will be treated with the strictest confidence."

Nobody came forward with the information required to trace the murderer.

It was suggested that the police should tell the public over the radio just what was hampering them in their investigations. The B.B.C. said they would be glad to be of use in that direction. But nothing was done.

Now all this is very remarkable. It looked as if the police were facing a failure. They

To know this crime thoroughly one must know the habits of Horace Butcher. They were easily discoverable, for he made no secret of them. Indeed, everybody in the district knew his habits.

habits.

Detective Inspector Barker told me that Butcher was a man of peculiar fixity of habits. He lived by routine that never changed. It was a saying in the locality that one could set one's watch by "Old Man Butcher."

In his business he had, now and then, given the police information, and sometimes evidence, in regard to stolen goods sold to him. He kept a little money in his shop for the purpose of buying goods brought to him: but the amount

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Stuart Martin presents one of the most amazing of all his UNSOLVED CRIMES

people suggested.

In any case murder for money may be ruled out of the case, since, as has been stated, he still had money in his pockets when found dead. His habit was to close his shop at a fixed time every night, then to make a call at a local pub, after which he came home again, went out for some fish and chips, and called at another pub on the way home. That was his routine.

No Second Call

On the Monday evening on which he met his death, he called at the first pub—the Crystal—at about 10.5 p.m. He left within a few minutes and, in the ordinary way, would have been home by 10.15 or 10.20 p.m. Usually he called at the second pub just before closing time, which was then 10.30 p.m. On this night he did not make his usual second call.

It was, then, when he returned home from the first pub that he was struck down. Whatever hapened in that shop we shall never know exactly, but the crime can be reconstructed with fair accuracy. The murderer was waiting for him, may have been surprised at his entry, and attacked him with the first weapon that came to hand—the 7lb, weight.

The old man, after the attack, crawled about eight feet through the pasage leading to his sitting-room from his shop. There he managed, before complete collapse, to bind the towel round his bleeding head and cover his legs with a coat. And there he lay down and died.

was never very large and was certainly not "a lot" as some people suggested.

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A report came to the police that a man had entered a Portsmouth lodging house a night or two later, and had been heard to mutter in his sleep, "I done him in"; and the next morning (so went the report) when this man was asked at breakfast what he meant, he paid his bill and "left hurriedly." The man's manner "was strange."

I place no weight on this Portsmouth story. There is a point that seems to me to dispose of all the "grudge" theories and of the murderer "waiting for his victim" in the shop. I do not believe the murder of Horace Butcher was premeditated.

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Why? Look at the weapon used. If it had been premeditated the murderer would have brought his own weapon. He didn't. He snatched up the first thing that could inflict injury—and that thing was the 7lb. weight.

Again, the murder was not committed by someone who knew the precise habits of Butcher. If so, he would not have been surprised by the old man's entry. He would have known.

A final theory was that the murderer was a maniac. That is an easy get-out. He was no maniac. It was a wild, terrible spasmodic crime.

when and died.

That is the construction of the crime as I see it. No need to talk about self-in-dicted attacks. No need to give rein to imagination about any other theories. Horace Butcher was killed by a man who had entered his shop in his absence, a man who, either surprised or enraged at being found there, battered the shop-keeper to death—or death—and then fled.

As usual, clues were pre-

JACK GOODWIN was a great Be sure he would know soon trainer of boxers. A more enough.

Now Godwin was not afraid has never known, and there was no length to which he would not get fit served the purpose of nutral—well, it was not the fit came to the supergreated by the surface of the served the purpose of nutral—well, it was not the following the surface of the served the purpose of nutral—well, it was not the following the surface of the served the purpose of nutral—well, it was not the following the surface of the served the purpose of nutral—well, it was not the following the surface of the surfa

by sheer weigh of number, forced him to undress and then rigged him out in a complete Highlander's outfit. They had heard him photographed before parading him through Glasgow. When Goodwin trained Jim Higgins for his bantam-weight championship fight with 50 Symonds, Tom Queen, the backer of Higgins, selected a Higgins, "I'm a light sleeper and I'll day the ghost if he comes round to-night."

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Goodwin felt lonely, particularly when Higgins and the sparring partners took lone and the window catch was unsparring partners took long the production of the catched to the ca would like to say, but coming suddenly like this, I cannot think of anything." At the suggestion of a picture of herself at the farm, she looked a little dismayed. "Do you think he would like to see me like this," she said, looking down at her corduroy breeches and thick mud-caked boots. "He will propably feel proud of you," we doing a real war lob down on told her.



Periscope :

for today

1. What is a twitterbone?

6. How much is a litre in erty.
English measure?

9. Who was Mr. Podsnap?

1. Place the same three letters, in the same order, both before and after RAIN, and make a word.

Baron Munchausen Catches

PARTRIDGES 900 MILES FROM 1

ON my return from Gibraltar I travelled by way of 2. Who wrote (a) "The Bride of Abydos," (b) "The Bride of Lammermoor"?

3. Which of the following is an "intruder," and why: Hat, Cloak, Coat, Umbrella, Ulster, Gaiters, Sou'wester?

4. How long does the light of prisoners of wor. I immediate as a ship just arrived, with a number of English sailors as 4. How long does the light of the sun take to reach us?

5. What is the height of the Niagara Falls?

a number of English sailors as prisoners of war. I immediately conceived an idea of giving these brave fellows their lib-

After forming a pair of large 7. Taxi-cab is made up of two abbreviated words. What are they?

wings, each of them forty yards along and fourteen wide, and annexing them to myself, I 8. What English plant traps mounted at break of day, when and eats insects? every creature, even the watch 10. Where and when was I hovered over the ship I fast-Columbus buried?

11. To what school do the "Bluecoat" boys belong?

12. Who won the Derby in 1935?

Answers to Quiz

I hovered over the sinp I lastened three grappling irons to the tops of the three masts, with my sling, and fairly lifted her several yards out of the water, and then proceeded across to Dover, where I arrived in half an hour!

in No. 108

1. A Siberian polecat.
2. (a) Cardinal Newman, (b) Tennyson.
3. Camel; the others are used as food in England.
4. 90 m.p.h.
5. 210 miles.
6. James Braddock.
7. Sparkling.
8. An edible water-parsnip.
9. A draper.
10. 21.2.42, 14.3.42, 7.6.42, and 6.7.42.

One day, when we were, by the best observations we could make, at least three hundred leagues from land, my dog pointed. I observed him for near an hour with astonishment, and mentioned the circumstance to the captain and every officer on board, asserting that we must be near land, for my dog smelt game.

make a word.

2. Rearrange the letters of THING ON MAT to make an English manufacturing town.

3. Change FAIR into PLAY, altering one letter at a time and making a new word with each alteration.

Change in the same way: GAME into PIES, MUCH into MORE, DEAD into SHOT.

4. How many four-letter and five-letter words can you make from the word MAGAZINES?

The captain laughed again, desired Mr. Crawford, the surgeon, who was prepared, to feel my pulse. He did so, and reported me in perfect health. The following dialogue between them took place. I overheard it, though spoken low and at some distance.

up, by placing it with a litter of kittens that came into the world a few minutes before! The old cat was as fond of it as any of her own four-legged progeny, and made herself very unhappy when it flew out of her reach till it returned again.

As to the other partridges, there were four hens amongst them. One or more were, during the voyage, constantly sitting, and consequently we had plenty of game at the captain's table. And in gratitude to poor Tray, for being a means of winning one hundred guineas, I ordered him the bones daily, and sometimes a whole bird.

TO-DAY'S PICTURE QUIZ



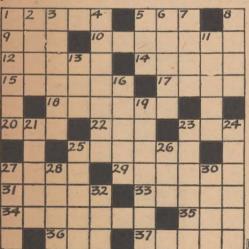
Calling all musicians. This instrument is — a Helicon, Saxophone, or might even be a Tuba.

Answer to Quiz in No. 108: Topiary.

To-day's Brains Tr

DUND the discussion table creatures in different stages of ing a biped. It frequently gets to the following dialogue between at it, though spoken low and at sign and the process of the stage of the control of the stage of the

CROSSWORD CORNER



Quiet, 2 Arrive, 3 Meal, 4 Small brown beast. 5 Match, 6 Not suitable, 7 Prod. 8 Accustomed. 11 Stringed instrument, 13 Girl's name, 16 Paring, 19 Rich cakes, 21 Banish, 23 Hat. 24 Civil heads, 25 Smashed, 26 Cover, 27 Fishing spear, 28 Kind, 30 Word of comparison.

CLUES ACROSS

Discard Young animal. Peda, member. Venezuelan river.

12 Drive. 14 Grasped. 15 Foliage. 17 Skin. 18 Bag of

18 Bag of perfume,
20 So far.
202 Curve,
23 Dog.
25 Gürl's name.

Point. Neat and pretty.

31 Apart. 33 One of the U.S.A.







Beelzebub Jones













Belinda









Popeye









Ruggles



DON'T WANT YOU TO JOIN THE ARMY, YOU DISREPUTABLE OLD BLACKGUARD -WANT YOU TO COME ALONG AND VOUCH FOR THIS STORY ABOUT THE VANISHING POWDER





Garth









TO-DAY'S BRAINS TRUST

Are those which have been helped by man.

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nuts during the historical period and has developed an enormous left claw for the purpose of opening them."

Mr. Everyman: "How do you know that it was not eating coconuts before the historical period?"

Professor: "Very easily. There were no coconuts of methods. The modern to stripper is a stripty and earl them been helped by man.

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Biologist: "The mud-skipper is surely another very good was period?"

Professor: "Very easily. There were no coconuts of methods have been evolution going on the islands where the crab belongs. The coconut palm was introduced to the Islands

Mr. Everyman: "But the best naturally."

Are all changes within the same species of animal. They don't show one species of animal. The

Jokes that made **Great-Grandpa** Laugh

By J. M. MICHAELSON

THE book salvage campaign has resulted in turning out some books that had not been disturbed for decades. Among them, Cruikshank's "Comic Almanack" caught my eye.

The Almanacks were a leading humorous publication of their day—1835-1853—and the contributors included not only George Cruikshank (whose inimitable style is known to every reader of Dickens), but also Thackeray, Tom Hood, Albert Smith and other leading humorists and satirists of the day.

In 1843, my great-grandfather was then a man of about forty. How do the jokes which made him chuckle over the Almanack compare with those that make us laugh to-day?

One of the first discoveries was that some of the jokes were the same! Mr. Gillie Potter was not the first comedian to raise a smile with the activities of the village of Hog's Norton.

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Under the heading, "Proceedings of Learned Societies." I read: "Geological Society of Hog's Norton.—The fossil remains of an antediluvian pawnbroker have been dug up, within a mile of this place. This is not regarded as a very remarkable circumstance, as many recent instances have been known of the hearts of several persons of this class being in a petrified state while alive."

Another report from Hog's Norton was that "a successful method of converting stones into bread has been transmitted to the New Poor Law Commissioners and a three-and-sixpenny medal presented to the ingenious discoverer thereof."

The news that the "Leviathan" steamship was to be launched brought the quip that "Great fears are entertained as to whether there will be room enough in the Atlantic for her to turn round without damaging her bowsprit between Liverpool and New York."

Great-grandfather would probably have found the "Queen Mary" beyond a joke if he had lived to see her!

UMBRELLA JOKE.

Failure to return umbrellas was, apparently, a common foible even a hundred years ago, when umbrellas were comparatively new. In a list of "Is it likely . . . ?" I find: "Is it likely that a friend will remember to return your umbrellas until the dry weather sets in?"

"Is it likely—when you get into an omnibus at the Bank, that you will arrive at Bond Street in the time in which you could have pedestrianised the distance twice over?" suggests that crawling buses were a problem of the Londoner in 1843 no less than in 1943.

Cigarette smoking was virtually unknown in 1843. But snuff-taking was a common habit, and apparently snuff-takers made the same excuse as smokers to-day, for the writer asks, "Is it likely—for a snuff-taker to offer his box without observing 'that it is a bad habit, but he cannot do without it"?"

The sneeze which has been exercising our health authorities recently to the extent of carrying on a campaign against it, was a topical subject a hundred years ago.

In a satirical "Report on the Public Health," the Almanack records: "The Commissioners observe, with regret, that the ordinary sneeze has lately been very prevalent, but it does not appear that any safe mode of treatment has yet been discovered for checking it.

"The Commissioners think it better to trust to Nature in such a matter, though they have known the operation of drawing the finger smartly along the bridge of the nose, towards the forehead, sometimes successfully resorted to."

Weather forecasts were a favourite joke a hundred years ago. Readers are given tips such as, "When you see the advertisement of a flower show, it would be prudent to provide yourself on the day named with an umbrella."

INCOME TAX.

Income tax, introduced in 1842, was a few pence in the £, but the idea that the income tax collector was a grasping blood-sucker was already being established by the comedians. We are told, "The penny-a-liners have been cut in order to enable some of the proprietors to pay the income tax, but it is expected this reduction will be counterbalanced by the increase in the number of cases of real distress and the other raw articles which form the staple of paragraphs."

Good Morning

This England

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Admiralty,



HEIL MILKMAN!



A scene on the river Thames, near Kew. Reminds one of Twickenham Ferry and Strand-on-the-Green, doesn't it? There are many delightful spots within easy reach of London. Such contrasts to the grim, commercial "Pool."



"So you're the kind of horse they can take to the water but can't make drink, huh?"

IT'S A LONG, LONG TRAIL



But they're certainly getting their heads down to it. Did you ever see a job tackled with such seriousness?

